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SUBJECT: LANG AFRIQUE CONFLICT WITH SODESCURE

REF A) STATE 069281; B) ABIDJAN 2505

1. MINISTER DIAWARA HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT HE AND
MINISTER SAWADOGO ARE ABOUT TO SEND A TELEX TO DAVID MORSE
ACCEPTING HIS PLAN TO SEND A FACT FINDING MISSION TO IVORY
COAST.

2. FYI DIAWARA SAID THAT HE TALKED TO PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET
BEFORE AGREEING TO MORSE PROPOSAL AND RECEIVED HOUPHOUET'S
AGREEMENT AS WELL. HOUPHOUET IS INCLINED TO MAKE NO
ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO LANG FOR THEIR OVER-RUNS ON THE
GROUNDS THAT HOUPHOUET UNDERSTANDS COSTS WERE DUE TO LANG
FAILURES. DIAWARA SUGGESTED THAT I SHOULD SEE HOUPHOUET
ON THESE MATTERS, TO WHICH I REPLIED THAT I WOULD ONLY
CONSIDER DOING SO IF I HAD MORE DETAILED INFORMATION FIRST
FROM BOTH LANG AND SODESUCRE AND WAS ABLE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
I WAS NOT THE MEDIATOR BUT THAT DAVID MORSE IS THE MEDIATOR.
DIAWARA AND I AGREED THAT IT MAY ULTIMATELY BE NECESSARY FOR
MORSE TO COME TO SEE HOUPHOUET DIRECTLY.

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EM IT IS CLEAR THAT KIGBAFORI HAS CONVINCED HOUPHOUET THAT

SODESUCRE HARD LINE (SEE REFTTEL B) IS APPROPRIATE COURSE OF
ACTION. END FYI.
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